for Feeder Replacement which has been completed. The unit is expected to restart by the end of 2008.

(d) to (f) The generation from RAPS-2 during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 was 1401, 1202 and 327 Million Units respectively (up to 2nd July 2007 when feeder replacement work was taken up). This is above its normative production capacity. Non-availability of RAPS 1&2 has been one of the factors in fixing the allocation to Rajasthan from other Central Generating Stations including Nuclear Power Reactors RAPS 3&4 and Narora Atomic Power Station, NAPS 1&2. Rajasthan has an allocation of about 36% of a total capacity of RAPS 3&4 (440 MWe) which is being supplied at same tariff as that of RAPS-2.

N-power plant in NE region

621. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an N-power plant in the NE region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the position of proven uranium deposits in the NE region; and

(d) to what extent these deposits would help to over-come shortage of uranium in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Government is examining such a possibility.

(c) The proven uranium deposits in the North Eastern Region are estimated at 17,233 tonnes of U_3O_8.

(d) The tapping of these reserves could help significantly in overcoming the current uranium shortage and provide fuel for new capacities to be set up in future.

Atomic energy plants in India

†622.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Atomic Energy plants in India at present and the places these plants are situated and the quantum of energy being produced by these plants, alongwith, State-wise and plant-wise, details thereof;

(b) the percentage of the power requirements of the country, it meets;

(c) the number of plants out of this that are closed due to non-availability of uranium;

(d) the number and the capacity of fast breeder reactors which will be available or allowed to be set up in India as a result of civil nuclear deal executed with USA; and

(e) the quantum of power which will be available in the next 5,10 and 15 years and at what price it will be available?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.